

PR Docket 92-235 Part 88 Proposal

COUNTY OF CRAWFORD
Board of County Commissioners
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Donna R. Searcy, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Ms Searcy:

1. The proposed FCC regulation change--PR Docket 92-235--will have the following adverse and disastrous effects on the critical systems necessary to maintain the health and safety of the residents of Crawford County.

a. The County will not have the direction and control system necessary to support emergency management disaster operations.

b. The County will not have the central dispatch capability necessary to support the "911" emergency response system. This includes alerting and dispatch of the volunteer fire departments, the ambulance service, and County law enforcement.

c. The County will not have the warning and alerting capability except for one siren serving less than 700 residents. The distribution of the population in the rural areas of the County prevent the use of sirens.

2. The topography of Crawford County is rough eroded terrain--eroded from the Great Glacier--with many small creeks and ditches draining into the river system. The elevation ranges from 383 feet at the Ohio River to 860 feet at the highest point. Elevations change 400 feet within one-half mile. The proposed power limitations would require several additional repeater sites or remote transmitter sites to provide the critical communications service throughout the County.

3. Crawford County has an area of 312 square miles and a population of less than 10,000. There are four incorporated towns in the County with populations from less than one hundred to approximately 800. The remaining population is distributed throughout the rural area along State and County roads. The average income for County residents is the

lowest in the State. Most residents commute to jobs outside the County. There are no large industrial facilities. Approximately 20 percent of the County is included in State and National forests. This results in a small tax base that will not support acquisition of expensive communication equipment that will be necessary to maintain critical communications under the provisions of the proposed rule changes.

4. The proposed rule change will have a disastrous effect on the health and safety of the residents of Crawford County. The County does not have the resources--tax

~~base--to acquire the necessary equipment to maintain the~~